



Inter-Community Telephone Co.

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April 27, 2017

Kris Monteith  
Acting Wireline Competition Bureau Chief  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") *Open Internet Order*,<sup>1</sup> Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C. ("ICTC" or the "Company"), Study Area Code 381616, hereby notifies the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB" or "Bureau") of its intention to cease offering its DSL and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop ("CBOL") broadband Internet transmission service as separate components of its broadband Internet access service effective July 1, 2017. As such, the transmission components will not be provided as a separate regulated service and will only be provided as part of the complete broadband Internet access service that the Company offers to end user customers within its North Dakota serving area through the Company.

ICTC currently provides broadband Internet transmission service as a tariffed offering pursuant to NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. The only customer for the Company's broadband Internet transmission service is the Company's affiliate nonregulated ISP. Notice to the affiliate ISP was provided this date by interoffice memorandum that the Company will discontinue the offering of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective July 1, 2017.

<sup>1</sup> *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, ¶ 460 and n. 1378 (2015).



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The Commission made clear in the *Rate-of-Return Connect America Fund Order*,<sup>2</sup> as well as the *Clarification Order*,<sup>3</sup> that a rate-of-return carrier could make the retail offering described in the foregoing first paragraph, and thus the revenues associated with the broadband Internet access transmission would no longer be subject to the federal universal service assessment pursuant to FCC Form 499-A.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Johnson", with a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Johnson  
General Manager/Chief Executive Officer

cc: Pamela Arluk, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau Pricing Policy Division  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
The Office of the Honorable Doug Burgum Governor of North Dakota  
National Exchange Carrier Association

<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33, ¶ 194, n. 428 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016).

<sup>3</sup> *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order DA 16-661, ¶ 25 (WCB, rel. June 15, 2016) (citing the *Open Internet Order*).



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service was served this 27 day of April, 2017 by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Office of Governor Doug Burgum  
Governor of North Dakota  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0100

National Exchange Carrier Association  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whipping, NJ 07981

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